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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the **UTILITY** patent application of:

Inventor(s): Kouichi YOSHIDA and Kiyoshi SUGIYAMA

Title: PIPING ARRANGEMENT FOR SWING TYPE HYDRAULIC EXCAVATORS

☒ 23 pages of written description, claims and abstract.

☒ SEVEN sheet(s) of formal drawings.

☐ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents)

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Documents

☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Return Postcard Receipt

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid  
Sequence Submission including:

☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
Specification Sequence Listing on:

☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2) copies); or  
☐ paper

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BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	3 - 20 =	0
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#### SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 385.00
x 9	\$
x 43	\$
+ 145	\$
TOTAL	\$

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#### OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 770.00
x 18	\$
x 86	\$
+ 290	\$
TOTAL	\$ 770.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ One check ☐ two checks in the amount of \$ 770.00 to cover the filing fee and  
☐ assignment recordation is (are) enclosed.

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